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Robert Andrew Alford et al.)

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METHOD FOR INTERCONNECTING
TUBULARS BY FORGE WELDING)

Group Art Unit: 1725

Examiner: Michael Aboagye

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED 20 September 2006

Dear Sir:

Attorney for Applicant in the above-captioned application hereby responds to the Final Office Action mailed 20 September 2006. At the time the Office Action issued, claims 1 to 24 were pending.